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MULTNOMAH COUNTY MIGHT USE BLOCKS

AT CLASS OF PAVING MATERIAL TO BE GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION.

County Commissioners Are to Ask for Bids on Eight Types of Material.

The county commissioners of Multnomah county have decided to invite bids for the use of eight types of paving material to be used in that county this season in surfacing the county miles of highway. The item of most importance to the people of the community is the fact that stone blocks are included in the list and mentioned first upon the list. This might mean something. It may mean that some consideration would be given to the use of this class of paving material in the large amount of paving work to be done in Multnomah county.

The types agreed on are: Stone blocks on concrete base, brick on concrete base, wood blocks on concrete base, one course concrete, Warrenite, asphalt, hansom and asphalt concrete. Standard specifications of the city of Portland will be used for except for concrete, for which the county commissioners have decided to use the specifications required by Pierce county, Wash.

After bids are received the county commissioners will decide whether to use all the work one type of pavement or to select certain types for various roads.

The action of the Multnomah county authorities in this matter, if they should decide to make use of stone blocks for a portion of the work, would mean that a great number of men would immediately find employment at very remunerative wages. There are several pieces of land to be paved in Multnomah county which are carrying an extremely heavy traffic, and on which St. Helens people are estimating would be awarded the work. It would require practically three million blocks to complete the work.

CITY COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Under Revamping of Street Lighting System—Pay Bills.

The St. Helens city council met in regular session Monday evening. Reports of officers effecting street lights and the placing of more illuminations. Councilman Larrabee reported that people of West St. Helens favor placing of more lights in business district.

Councilman Southard recommended that lights be placed in Railroad addition.

The matter of placing a light at the foot of the steps in Casenau street, leading to the residence of Dr. J. J. Peel was discussed. Ordered that one of the lights in the cluster near the Deming residence be removed and placed where required in Casenau street.

Mayor Morton called the attention of the street committee to the condition of the crossing at Columbia and St. Helens streets, and requested that some repairs be made there.

The untidy condition of Cowitt and Columbia streets was also called to the attention of the street committee by the mayor. Recommended that piles of wood, boxes, etc., be removed.

A copy of the new charter was presented to the council by the mayor, and it was decided that the council meet Thursday evening May 6, to read and discuss same.

The hours of duty of the city marshal were changed so that officer will hereafter be on duty from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 2 o'clock in the morning.

Councilman Southard was instructed to make necessary repairs to the city wharf.

The following claims against the city were examined and ordered paid: J. L. Zipperer \$ 4.00 Geo. Kammer 1.00 St. Helens Mist 1.80 R. Constantine 3.30 L. H. Fogel 1.00 L. E. Allen25 W. C. Mowery 10.00 Albert Buschman 20.00

CITY MARSHAL MAKES SALE OF STRAY HORSE

Animal Purchased by Charles Muckle, at Auction, for \$105.

The city marshal of St. Helens held a public sale Wednesday afternoon to dispose of a stray horse which had been taken up on the streets of St. Helens about three weeks ago. The animal sold for \$105 and was purchased by Charles Muckle. Every reasonable means had been resorted to to locate the owner of the animal.

MANY COMPETITORS IN BIG FIELD MEET

Good Programme Arranged for High School Contests Tomorrow.

The field meet to take place in St. Helens tomorrow (Saturday) under the auspices of the St. Helens High School, will be one of the most important sporting events of the year. These high school field meets have become an annual occurrence of more than ordinary interest, in which athletic skill from every high school in the county is competing. Not alone do the high school students compete for honors, but grammar grade students are entering into the spirit of the occasion and showing marked ability in the contests.

The field at St. Helens has been placed in excellent condition for this annual carnival and an elaborate programme has been prepared. It is the desire of the management that so far as is possible to do so, the business people of the city make of the affair a half holiday occasion, thus showing their appreciation of the importance of the meeting.

There have been some very good prizes offered and the competition for them will be keen. The sports will begin early in the afternoon. The people of the community are urged to attend.

CATTLE BRING GOOD PRICE AT PUBLIC SALE

Registered and Grade Stock Find Ready Buyers at High Prices.

The public sale of registered and grade Holstein cattle held at the Maplewood stock farm, near Seapooose last Tuesday was largely attended and otherwise a decided success. The entire herd of 53 head was disposed of at an average high price. Some of the registered cows sold at from \$100 to \$240. Grade cows sold at from \$80 to \$125. One registered bull sold for \$205. Eight grade calves, ten months old, sold at \$40 each. Corresponding satisfactory prices were received all down the line.

The stockmen of Columbia county are firm believers in the stability of the industry, and for cattle with established reputations purchasers are readily found. The herds of the Maplewood and Lakeside farms, owned by J. W. Pomeroy and P. A. Frakes, respectively, have such established reputations that ready buyers are always obtainable.

FIRST GAME OF SEASON ON HOME GROUNDS

Next Sunday Will Occur the Opening of Ball Sport for Year.

The St. Helens baseball team will play its first game on the home grounds next Sunday for this season, and it is an event greatly anticipated. Everything is in readiness, grounds, team and all, and the game will be off in a cloud of dust early in the afternoon.

Defeat is so far an unknown thing to the home team, three games having been taken—three having been played. Last Sunday's game at Ridgefield was a hard fought battle, and the team defeated on that occasion is coming back after revenge in a struggle for victory on the grounds of the contestants who took their scalps so recently.

All during the present week extensive preparations have been in progress by the management and enthusiasts at this place, preparing the grounds and otherwise getting things in shape for the coming event.

ST. HELENS PLAYERS WIN AGAINST WARREN

Two Fast Games Played Against Two Fast Teams.

Last Sunday afternoon there were two good games of baseball played on the school ball grounds at St. Helens, when Noah's Ark Midgots wrestled victory from a team of juniors from Warren by a score of eight to four. Undaunted, the second team from Warren crossed bats with the Live Wires of St. Helens, and while the score was larger it was at the same time a more even game. The same contestants will have another tryout on the same grounds next Sunday. The Midgots have in prospect a game on the grounds of Columbia university, in Portland, which will probably take place in the very near future.

ENGINEER ACCUSES STATE TREASURER

AFTERMATH OF THE BOWLEY DISCHARGE—FINAL ACCUSATIONS AND DENIALS.

State Treasurer Accused of Not Backing Highway Engineer, but Encouraging Hostile Officials

Henry L. Bowley, former state highway engineer, in a statement issued last Saturday denied allegations of State Treasurer Kay that he was extravagant and negligent when in office. The statement in part follows: "Mr. Kay said no roads in Columbia county were finished, when as a matter of fact twenty-six miles between Gobel and the Clatsop county line of the Pacific Highway were completed. There would be no threatened law suits if Mr. Kay had backed up the state highway engineer instead of encouraging the hostile county officials in their fight to have a change in the office of engineer. Mr. Kay leaves the impression with the reader that I advised building temporary roads. The facts are that Mr. Kay stated in the meeting of March 22 that he thought it would have been a better policy to have built more miles of mediocre roads than to accomplish such an ambitious scheme as opening the Columbia Highway on standard lines and grades throughout Columbia county. Governor Withycombe disagreed with Mr. Kay and stated that he thought my plans were good and that the road movement would be best served by doing as much each year as possible along right lines until an entire road could be thrown open to traffic built on proper grades and with proper curvature.

"No men were employed that were not needed. It was thought to be economy and has proved to be so, to keep on the payroll the district engineers in charge of contract work rather than to get rid of everyone who had personal knowledge of the work under contract and to break in new men when work was resumed this spring. Such a policy would have pleased the contractors and would have been an apparent but false economy."

Major Bowley said the county judge of Jackson county had been pleased with the character of work done under his supervision, and the remarks attributed to him by Mr. Kay were not made in his presence. Further, the engineer said, he did not believe they were made at all. Major Bowley declared that no counties had ever received more for the money expended in the way of roads than Clatsop, Columbia and Jackson counties.

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AVERAGE RUN OF FISH COMING THIS SEASON

Late Opening Permits Salmon to Ascend to Spawning Grounds.

The opening of the fishing season last Saturday marked the period of a lot of activity and gave interested ones an opportunity to ascertain whether or not the season might be looked forward to with any considerable prospect for financial gain. The buyers at this place, James Sheldon, for the Warren people, and E. I. Balogh, for the Packers Association, reported fairly good success. The fish taken so far are of a splendid quality and the run is about an average. One of the conditions existing which may militate against a financially successful year is the fact that the water is so extremely low and consequently clear that day fishing may prove very unprofitable unless there is a rise in the river. The water is very low and extremely clear for this time of year, a condition which makes it more difficult to snare the fish.

MAY DAY PROPERLY OBSERVED BY STUDENTS

Splendid Programme Rendered by Physical Culture Class.

The May Day exercises held last Saturday at the school in St. Helens under the auspices of the young ladies' physical culture class was a well attended and much appreciated affair. The young ladies proved their skill and delightfully entertained a large audience for over an hour with interesting drills and dances, culminating in the crowning of the queen and winding of the May pole. Miss Merna Yeomans was queen of the May and sustained her part in a most creditable manner. Miss Dunns, the physical culture instructor in the high school, has demonstrated her ability in this respect on several public occasions of late and her last effort was the greatest success of all.

GRADUATION CLASS WILL GIVE PROGRAM

Appropriate Exercises to Mark the Event at the High School.

Exercises appropriate to the occasion of graduation of High School students of the St. Helens High School will be held in the High School auditorium next Friday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock. A very elaborate program has been prepared and arrangements completed for the proper observance of the occasion. A class of seven will be graduated, composed of the following: Virgil Hattan, Lucille Hobbs, Eugenia Deming, Beth Perry, Frank Robertson, Fred Morgus and Ethel Sten.

Rev. F. N. Sandifur, pastor of the M. E. church of this city, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the High School auditorium next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All the churches of the city will join in this service. The program for the graduating exercises consist of the following features: Salutory, Ethel Sten; valedictorian, Eugenia Deming; prophecy, Beth Perry; musician, Lucille Hobbs; cornet solo, Fred Morgus.

The address will be delivered by Elbert H. Hicks of Portland. The public is very cordially invited to attend these exercises.

FAIR GROUNDS SCHOOL BUILDING ASSURED

Necessary Funds Have Been Provided and Work Will Go Forward.

Just as we are sending the last forms of this paper to press, School Superintendent Allen informs us that the building to house the school exhibit on the fair grounds is an assured thing. Arrangements were made whereby the work can proceed at once, sufficient funds having been guaranteed for the purpose. Plans will be prepared and proposals asked for within a very short time. Not more than \$350 or \$400 will be required in addition to what has already been raised through the loyalty of the friends of the undertaking.

Such success is assuredly a matter for congratulation. An undertaking of the nature of this is generally fraught by many difficulties, and it has been through the untiring efforts of its friends that success in the matter has been realized. The home for the school exhibit will be a valuable addition to the county fair.

MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL A DECIDED SUCCESS

Filed House Greets the School Children at Their Entertainment.

The large number of people who attended the exercises held in the city hall in St. Helens Monday evening, which marked the closing for the year for the school children's musical instruction, was a fitting testimonial to the character of the entertainment the public felt certain would be the result of a season's study, under the direction of Dr. Emil Enna. There were 500 people in the hall, including the members of the chorus, about one hundred children taking part in the festival exercises.

The portions of the program rendered by the Philharmonic Society, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Sandifur, Miss Perkins, Mrs. W. G. Muckle and Dr. Tucker, were features greatly enjoyed.

The wisdom of the school board in providing for the musical instruction of the pupils has been abundantly proven. The nominal expense of this branch of study can be reckoned in no other way except in the light of good judgment, especially since results have been so satisfactory. It has cost this school district about eight cents per month per pupil. In all probability the work will be continued as a permanent feature of the educational endeavor of the district.

NEW CHARTER FOR THE CITY BEING EXAMINED

Councilmen Are Giving Much Time to Study of the Document.

The new charter which the city council ordered drafted some time ago, under which, if adopted by the people, the destinies of the city will be guided in future, has been delivered in part, and is being thoroughly investigated by the councilmen and city attorney. It is a voluminous document and is said to contain many provisions superior in point of thoroughness to the present charter. Just when the new charter will be offered to the people for adoption by election depends entirely upon what progress the council can make in the study of its provisions.

HIGHWAY HEARING TO BE HAD TOMORROW

CONTRACTORS TO MAKE PRESENTATION OF CASE BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT.

Commissioners Will Not Yield From Former Position, and Demand That Work Be Resumed.

A meeting of more than unusual interest will take place tomorrow between the County Court and the members of the Consolidated Contract Co., at St. Helens, at which time it is very probable that it will be definitely ascertained just what the attitude of the contractors will be in regard to resumption of work on the highway. State Engineer Cantline will attend the meeting.

Tomorrow will also be the day designated by the court in its order to the contractors to resume construction, but so far there has been no disposition on their part to comply with the order. It is probable that at the meeting tomorrow an effort will be made on the part of the contractors to induce the court to disregard its order and agree to some manner of compromise.

The position the court will take will be the reiteration of its former position and demand that construction operations be resumed forthwith. In the event of a refusal on the part of the contractors it is not at all unlikely that the contract will be declared nullified and other arrangements made for the resumption of work on the highway.

It is a belief generally expressed that the contractors desire just such a termination of affairs. The work performed last year was the portion which was the most profitable, and if the work is again taken up by the present construction company it will be of the character that will yield the least profit.

The court stands ready to effect a settlement with the contractors on the basis of the final report as submitted by former highway engineer, Mr. Bowley, which allows the contractors about \$54,000. The contractors contend that an amount greatly in excess of this is due it, but no definite amount is claimed. The contractors intimate that over \$100,000 is due them, and are asking for settlement on such a basis.

Tomorrow's meeting will be an interesting one. Special counsel has been procured by the court in the person of Dan J. Malarkey of Portland, who has wide experience in dealing with highway matters. It is more than probable that unless the contractors yield greatly from their present position the settlement of the highway question will be taken into the courts.

COUNTY COURT GOES ON TRIP OF INSPECTION

Visits Lower End of the County to View Work on the Highway.

All the members of the County Court were on a tour of inspection of the highway in the lower end of the county yesterday and today, returning to St. Helens some time this afternoon. The object of the trip was for the especial purpose of investigating how much work will be necessary to place the highway in condition to permit of through travel. In order to accomplish this much desired condition it may be necessary to make use of some of the by-roads temporarily, and it was the purpose of the court to view these out also. It will not require a great deal of work to place the highway in such condition that it will be possible to travel its entire distance with some degree of comfort and satisfaction throughout the summer.

INTEREST IN COUNTY FAIR BECOMING KEEN

President Tarbell Says Demand for Premium Lists Strong.

A. H. Tarbell, of Yankton, who, by the way, is the moving spirit in the Columbia County Fair Association, was in the county seat Wednesday. Mr. Tarbell says people from all over the county are manifesting a keen interest in the fair this year, and it is a certainty that previous fairs will be greatly exceeded in point of interest and exhibits. A splendid premium list is being prepared, which will be ready for distribution this year much earlier than heretofore.

SCHOOLS HOLD EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Eighth grade examinations are being held in all the public schools throughout the county this week, beginning yesterday and will be concluded today. This is an annual occurrence, which takes place the first week in May. This year the St. Helens school has the largest class in the county, which, during the year has been under the instruction of Mrs. J. H. Collins.

DEFINITE DECISION ANENT CELEBRATION

Matter Will Be Finally Arranged at Meeting of Merchants Tonight.

Whether or not the volunteer fire department of St. Helens will manage the Fourth of July celebration here this year will be definitely decided tonight at a meeting of the Merchants Association. At a meeting of this association which was held last Friday evening a resolution was adopted that the celebration should take place and should be supported by the members of the association. A. S. Harrison was appointed to interview the members in order to ascertain what amount of funds the association would guarantee, to report at a meeting to be held tonight.

However, it was definitely decided that there should be a celebration and that it should occur on Monday, the 5th. This much is assured. The Merchants association will strongly support the movement in a financial way, as a guarantee of funds, and other business interests of the town will be looked to to give the matter liberal financial backing. Other plans were outlined which guarantees one of the best celebrations ever held on the Columbia river. Last year's success of the celebration of the National day is spurring our people to greater effort in order that this year's event will not fall short in point of interest and grandeur. The people of the community may be assured that the celebration of Independence Day here this year will be a success.

GOOD ROAD WORK IN THE NEHALEM VALLEY

County Road Master Spends Week Directing Public Improvements.

L. G. Titus, county road master, returned last Saturday evening from a week's trip through the Nehalem valley, where he inspected and supervised road construction from the Washington county line down the valley to the vicinity of Mist and in the upper Rock Creek country. Mr. Titus says good progress is being made in road construction and improvement in the Nehalem valley district. Quite a quantity of new work is being done this season, all of a good, substantial nature, which means that the permanency of the highways in that section is assured. During recent years a great deal of splendid road work has been done throughout the valley.

CASES SET FOR TRIAL IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Light Docket So Far for the Session to Convene Tuesday.

Circuit Court will convene at St. Helens next Tuesday. The docket so far contains only a few cases, which have been set for trial as follows: State of Oregon vs. Wm. Pringle, Jr., et al.; W. H. Cooper for state, Jesse L. Sumrall for defendant. May 12.

G. W. Dilly vs. Hoskin Owens; W. H. Powell for plaintiff, C. C. Bryant for defendant. May 13.

A. L. Lukens vs. Benson Timber Co.; Eltner & Sewell for plaintiff, Senn, Ekwall & Reckon for defendant. May 14.

Sophia Sami vs. Columbia & Nehalem River Railroad; Glen R. Metzker for plaintiff, Veazie, McCourt & Veazie for defendant. May 17.

John Grauman vs. F. M. Thorp; Glen R. Metzker for plaintiff, M. E. Miller for defendant. May 19.

Quincy Mercantile Co. vs. Andrew Dahlman and Marie Johnson; Glen R. Metzker for plaintiff, A. W. Norblad for defendant. May 20.

A. and M. Steffen vs. A. and M. Johnson; Seton & Strahan for plaintiff, Glen R. Metzker for defendant. May 24.

Leonora Felton vs. Peter Felton; J. W. Day and A. W. Mueller for plaintiff, M. E. Miller and W. A. Harris for defendant. May 26.

EXPOSITIONS ARE WELL WORTH ATTENDING

St. Helens People Return After Long Visit to California Fairs.

E. B. Wood of this city, who, with his wife, visited the California expositions, and who returned home a week ago, speaks in very high praise of the fairs at San Francisco and San Diego. Both of these fairs were well "taken in" by Mr. and Mrs. Wood, who also speak favorably of the manner in which the visitors are taken care of in San Diego, especially by the popular hostelry, the Yale hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Wood had a pleasant trip by sea, taking passage southward on the good ship Multnomah, of the McCormick fleet, and returning by the same vessel. Mr. Wood says the Multnomah behaved herself admirably on both voyages, a fact which the public is appreciating, as is attested by the splendid patronage being accorded the company's ships.